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Response to Notice to Elect Group

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of 11 June 2002, Applicant responds as follows:

Applicant elects the claims of Group I (claims 1-29) for examination with traverse. Applicant believes that claim 30, the only claim in Group II, should be joined with Group I for examination because it is directed to a kit for carrying out the steps of claim 1 or 2. In fact, the last component of the claim states that the kit comprises a set of instructions for carrying out the steps of claims 1 and 2. Thus, no additional search should be required.

In addition, Applicant was requested to make an election of species for examination purposes. In response, Applicant elects Restriction Subgroup VII (SEQ ID NO: 13).

No fee is believed to be due in filing this response. The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-0678.



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